

FSSA Works for Kids.

And investing in kids makes Indiana work.

Helping children stay safe and healthy is one of the Key Priorities of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Early childhood investment: Indiana is a national leader.

Healthy development starts at birth.

Healthy Families: Top 2 nationally. *Helps prevent child abuse and neglect, childhood health problems and later juvenile delinquency*

- Indiana is one of two states named a national "Center of Excellence" by Prevent Child Abuse America/Healthy Families America
- In 2002-03, screened 90 percent of Hoosier births and offered Healthy Families services to 100 percent of children identified as at-risk
- FSSA Key Priority: In 2004-05, screen 90% of Hoosier births; offer services to 100% of at-risk families; ensure that 99% participants have no substantiated abuse or neglect

First Steps: Top 5 nationally. *Indiana provides early intervention for a higher percentage of infants and toddlers at risk for developmental delays than 46 other states*

- In 2002-03, FSSA increased First Steps enrollment above 18,000 kids for the first time
- FSSA Key Priority: In 2004-05, serve 18,000 children, with 95 percent achieving documented developmental gain

Hoosier Healthwise: Nationally recognized as a leader in providing health coverage for kids. *1 of 4 kids in Indiana is in Hoosier Healthwise.*

Proactive medical visits early in life are vital to a child's healthy development. Too many kids aren't getting them.

- FSSA Key Priority: In 2004-05, ensure that more than half of all children in Hoosier Healthwise receive the pediatrician-recommended five well-child visits from birth to 15 months

Community investment: The well-being of Hoosier children depends on all of us.

Lifting kids out of poverty

- In 2002-03, FSSA helped families on public assistance increase earnings by 15 percent through increased child support collections, capturing a greater amount of the Earned Income Tax Credit and securing more competitive and financially rewarding employment
- FSSA Key Priority: In 2004-05, FSSA will again help families on public assistance increase their earnings and savings by 15 percent.

Child support

- In 2002, FSSA worked with local prosecutors in each of Indiana's 92 counties to collect and distribute \$423 million child support payments for 330,000 cases.

Thriving in the community

- Kids with disabilities: FSSA serves children through Medicaid "waivers" that provide vital health care, therapies and community supports, allowing them to live in their communities instead of institutions
- At-risk and troubled children: FSSA is creating options to provide mental health services to kids in their communities instead of placing them in institutions.
- In 2002-03, FSSA created options to serve an additional 909 children
- FSSA Key Priority: In 2004-05, FSSA will create additional options to serve 800 more troubled children in the community



"People helping people help themselves"

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